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1. The following entry in files dated 15 December 1950, was made at the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, Bridge Division:

"The destroyed road bridge in Riesa (N 52/E 31), located on Reichsstrasse (highway) No 169, consisted of one 45-meter and three 101-meter spans. It ran parallel to a railroad bridge, both bridges resting on the same piers. The road bridge, which was destroyed in 1945, has been completely removed in the meantime. The railroad bridge, on the other hand, has been repaired and is in operation. In order to create crossing facilities for vehicular traffic, the second track of the railroad bridge was dismantled and replaced by a plank floor. Vehicular traffic thus now uses the railroad bridge, a fact which restricts railroad operations to one track. The costs for the reconstruction of the road bridge are estimated at 3.2 million eastmarks. The reconstruction would require a period of three years; it is envisaged in the framework of the Five-Year-Plan for 1952/54. The project would require 2,300 tons of steel and approximately 400 tons of cement." *

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